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TEN CENTS A WEEK

7 PEOPLE CRUSHED TO DEATH IN NEW YORK

Old Tenement Tumbles From Jolt of Trains.

OLD MAN'S MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Had It Not Been For the Warning Given by Lodgers Returning Late at Night, the Casualties Would Have Been Greater.

New York, June 26.—Seven persons, six of them members of one Italian family, were killed early on Tuesday morning in the collapse of a ramshackle tenement in the downtown Italian quarter.

Three other members of the same family, including the father and mother, are in a hospital, painfully injured but will recover. There were some exciting scenes immediately following the accident, one of which was the rescue of an old man from a two-foot ledge, 40 feet from the pavement, this portion of the fallen building having adhered to the adjoining structure long enough to permit the firemen to get to the scene, raise a ladder and take the man, Jacob Reigler, safely to the ground. Then it also fell into the ruins.

The collapsed building was a four-story affair, built more than fifty years ago at Walker and Lafayette streets. The constant rumbling of subway trains a block away was too much for it, in its weakened condition.

The dead are Tony Torchino, 17, Mamie Torchino, 23, Lillie Torchino, 9, Susie Torchino, 13; Fred Torchino, 10, Edward Torchino, 2, Cosmo Bellucci, 40, a lodger; Tomasco and Amelia Torchino, father and mother of the unfortunate family and another son, George, are suffering from scalp wounds and contusions.

George Blumenthal, the contractor who had charge of the recent repairs on the building, was arrested, charged with homicide.

That many more persons did not lose their lives was due to two of the younger occupants of the house having attended an Italian celebration Monday night. The boys reached home shortly before 2 o'clock in the morning and warned by the severe shaking and creaking of the house, ran through the building and warned the sleeping tenants of the impending danger. Dozens of persons ran into the streets in their night clothes, and many of them had scarcely gained the street before the crash came.

NASHVILLE STARTS NEW MOVE.

Will Employ Only Southern Negro Teachers in Her Public Schools.

Nashville, June 26.—A tacit conclusion was reached by the Nashville board of education Monday night that only negroes born, bred and educated in the south need apply for election as teachers in the negro public schools of this city.

This action was taken for the reason that negroes from north of the Mason and Dixon line have "notions" and "are not familiar with southern traditions and sentiment and are persons non grata to the Nashville board of education."

Manual training is to be introduced into the negro schools and the sentiment entertained by the board was developed from the facts that among the applications for the position of supervisor of Manual Training of the negro schools were graduates of Harvard and other eastern universities. One other is a big, black, southern-born, southern bred and southern educated negro, and he got the job.

Culp Says Reports Are Not True.

Washington, D. C., June 26.—Vice President J. M. Culp, of the Southern Railway company, stated Tuesday in answer to inquiry that there is no foundation for the published rumor that there would be a change in the offices of passenger traffic manager and general passenger agent of that company on July 1. He announced that no change in either of these offices is contemplated.

THAW CHEERFUL IN TOMBS.

First Anniversary of Sensational Killing of White.

New York, June 26.—A year ago Tuesday night Harry K. Thaw shot and killed Stanford White, the architect on the Madison Square roof garden during the initial performance of the musical comedy, "Mlle. Champsagne."

Since the tragic night Thaw has been the central figure in one of the most absorbing trials in the criminal annals of this or any other country; his mental state has been made the theme of innumerable opinions, lay and expert, and it has been passed upon by a legally constituted commission. His own, his wife's and his family's acts, positive or negative, have been related even to the most ordinary details; his case has been the subject of a prodigious amount of newspaper writing and illustration; the procedure of his trial has been made the subject of international comment, and finally, twelve men picked with extraordinary care, have disagreed in his case, after probably the most popularly exciting deliberations in the history of any trial for murder in the United States. Thaw has many more days in the Tombs ahead of him, for it is certain he will not be tried the second time until late in the fall and there is a possibility that he may not be tried again this year. But he seems sanguine and cheerful notwithstanding the confinement and scenes of depression he is obliged to undergo. He is in good health also, though pale from his prison life.

"I feel confident of acquittal at my next trial," he is quoted as saying. Thaw has struck up a decided friendship with Raffaele Gascone, who is charged with the murder of a fellow citizen, and with months spent in the death house in Sing Sing prison, is awaiting a new trial. Thaw and Gascone spend not a little time pacing the corridors and chatting together.

KING CARLO'S THRONE TOTTERS

Imminent Danger of Being Engulfed by Democratic Wave.

London, June 26.—A correspondent of the Tribune says in a letter mailed from Lisbon, June 19, that King Carlos' throne is in imminent danger of being swept away by the rush of a great democratic wave, swollen suddenly to dangerous proportions by the act of despotism which he permitted May 1.

The people do not forget, the correspondent says that last year the king condemned Premier Ribeiro's attempt to dissolve the cortex and they contrast this attitude toward a conservative premier with the curious illogical license he has given to Premier Franco. The general feeling of the country is one of advanced liberalism and a repetition of autocratic bungling can only have one result today in Portugal, the writer says, namely, the deposition of the king and the establishment of a republic.

Sheriff After Five Persons.

Macon, Ga., June 26.—Sheriff Robertson is in pursuit of five persons, three women and two men, all white, who are charged with having murdered Arthur Dyche, the collector who was found hanged last week. The sheriff has several deputies who are making faithful efforts to locate the parties and he believes that he will have them under arrest soon. No statements as to the theory advanced or a clue upon which the officers are working have been given out, but Sheriff Robertson believes he has located the murderers.

Heavyweight Coming to America.

Victoria, B. C., June 26.—The steamer Empress of Japan Monday brought word that Japan's champion wrestler, Hiachiyama, who weighs over 350 pounds, is coming to America in August, accompanied by some famous wrestlers.

Venezuelan Cabinet Resigns.

Caracas, Venezuela, June 25, via Willemstadt, June 25.—The cabinet has resigned owing to the action of congress in condemning the policy of the minister of finance. The heads of the departments are transacting the government business.

ONLY ONE SURVIVOR OF CREW OF NINETY

Steamship Santiago Wrecked In Heavy Squall.

12 ENGLISH OFFICERS PERISH

Only One Boat Was Launched in the Storm and It Was Dashed to Pieces on the Rocks After Drifting Several Days.

Santiago, Chile, June 26.—It is officially announced by the Pacific Steam Navigation company that only one passenger was aboard the Santiago, wrecked in a heavy squall 50 miles north of Corral, and he was drowned.

The only survivor was the fourth officer.

All the rest of the crew, numbering ninety, and including twelve English officers, are said to have perished.

Only one boat was launched, and it was dashed to pieces on the rocks, after drifting for several days.

RIOTS AT COPPER MINES.

Japanese Miners Arm Themselves and Cause Disturbances.

Victoria, B. C., June 26.—Following the recent labor troubles at the Ashie Copper mines and Muroran collieries, serious disturbances are reported at the Besshi copper mines near Miyanoshta, Japan.

Ten thousand strikers have burned mine buildings, destroyed much property, killed the chief of police at Sulmoto and attacked a regiment of soldiers sent to quell the rioting.

The miners armed themselves with rifles and ammunition taken from the mining company's magazine, which they destroyed.

Dynamite cartridges were also used by the rioters. Many scenes of violence were enacted and a number of fatalities have been reported. Ring leaders of the strike movement said to be socialists, are alleged to have fomented the troubles at the Ashie mines. Damage done to the mines is estimated at over a million dollars.

WAR PREPARATIONS.

Guatemalan Ports In Readiness to Repel Invasions.

New Orleans, June 26.—A Picayune special from Fort Barrios, Guatemala, says that the forces at the east coast ports, held in readiness to repel invasions, number 500 men at each place, each battalion of this size having six rapid fire and six siege guns.

The dispatch also confirmed reports that coast fortifications are being erected at several ports. The Guatemalan government is reported to be negotiating to buy a 400-ton steamer of 18 knots speed, to be armed with eight rapid-fire guns and used as a man-of-war.

Big Missionary Gathering.

Warsaw, Ind., June 26.—Several hundred women from all over the middle west are gathering at Winona Lake to attend the annual meeting of the inter-denominational committee representing missionary organizations of the Missionary Baptist, Christian, Congregational, Presbyterian, Evangelical, Lutheran, Methodist, Friends and Reformed Episcopal churches. The sessions will continue over next Saturday.

Masked Man Stops Stages.

Fresno, Calif., June 26.—An unknown masked man Monday halted two stages on the road between Summit and Grub Gulch and compelled the passengers to hand over whatever money and jewelry they carried. One of the passengers was forced by the robber to pass the hat among his companions of the journey.

Cabinet Will Oppose Socialist Move.

Paris, June 25.—The cabinet has decided to oppose the motion of the Socialists to be introduced in the chamber of deputies in favor of the provisional liberation of all the persons arrested in connection with the wine growers' disturbances in southern France.

INCREASE PUT ON ROADS.

Comptroller General Assesses Southern Coast Line and Western Union.

Atlanta, June 26.—Comptroller General W. A. Wright assessed two big railroad companies to an extent almost double their returns, and more than doubled the returns of the Western Union Telegraph company.

The Southern railway, which made a total return of its property in Georgia \$14,884,923, was assessed by the comptroller general at \$26,500,000, an increase of nearly \$12,000,000. The Southern has already notified the comptroller general that it could stand no increase and will arbitrate.

Hearing nothing from the Atlantic Coast Line, which returned its property at a total of \$12,850,593, the comptroller general assessed it at a total of \$22,403,000.

The returns of the Western Union Telegraph company, which were put in at \$1,030,240 this year, were boosted to \$2,422,360. This company has also practically given notice that it will arbitrate.

Comptroller General Wright has added 25 per cent of the increase to the physical property of these corporations and 75 per cent to the franchise. He was prompted in this in part, he states, by the fact of the largely increased prices of materials and equipment.

BANKS MAKE BIG DEAL.

Lowry Bank of Atlanta Takes Over Deposits of Trust Company.

Atlanta, June 26.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Trust Company of Georgia and of the Lowry National bank, held Monday afternoon, a deal was consummated by which the Lowry National bank is to take over all the deposits of the Trust company while the Trust company secured a large part of the stock of the Lowry National bank and will in future devote all its attention to the various features of the trust business.

The taking over of the banking business of the Trust Company of Georgia makes the Lowry National bank the largest bank in the state. July 1, when the deal is finally consummated, the capital stock of the Lowry National bank will be increased to \$800,000 and the surplus and undivided profits to \$680,000.

The Lowry National bank is 45 years old—the oldest banking institution in the state—and has always enjoyed an enviable reputation in banking circles. Its officers and directors will remain the same under the new regime.

The Trust Company of Georgia is the oldest institution of its kind in the south. Its business has grown rapidly and it will be placed on a much stronger basis for the handling of money by the deal just consummated.

Railroad Is Enjoined.

Asheville, N. C., June 26.—On the application of Cravath, Henderson & Gersdorff, representing the Standard Trust company, of New York, and Charles W. Tillet, of Charlotte, Judge J. C. Pritchard of the United States circuit court, has granted a temporary injunction against the Carolina and Western railroad company and the North Carolina corporation commission to prevent the enforcement of the North Carolina 2 1/2 cent rate law, which goes into effect July 1. The injunction is returnable by Judge Pritchard Saturday, at which time other railroad cases involving the same principle will be heard.

Drowned While in Swimming.

Lumpkin, Ga., June 26.—While in bathing Sunday afternoon with several boys of his size Joan T. Usher, about 16 years of age, was drowned presumably by taking cramp. One of the bathers came to town, which is about a mile, and gave the alarm, and in a few minutes quite a crowd was assembled diving and dredging for the body. Owing to the fact that the exact location was not known, it took about two hours to find the body and bring it out.

Fire Loss of \$200,000.

Utica, N. Y., June 26.—The plant of the Utica Drop Forge and Tool company was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. Loss is estimated at \$200,000.

BLOODY STANDARD IS RAISED IN CHINA

Revolution Is Assuming Alarming Proportions.

REFUGEES FLEE TO HONG KONG

Rebel Movement Has Become a Pre-tentious One, With an Army Organized After European Methods. Several Towns Captured.

Victoria, B. C., June 26.—Refugees were fleeing to Hong Kong from the districts affected by the revolution in South China, when the steamer, Empress of Japan, which arrived Monday, left Hong Kong.

All reported the rebel movement as a most pretentious one, with an army organized after European methods.

War notes, which the rebel leaders promised to redeem at twice face value, after the fall of Canton, are being issued, proclamations posted, and everything carried out in form.

Most of the arms used are French quick-firing rifles and machine guns, smuggled during the past three years by way of Amoy and Canton.

After capturing the towns on the way to Swatow, the rebel forces moved again northward, seemingly making toward Canton. Huichou, on the Kowloon mainland, opposite Hong Kong, was captured, the imperial troops being badly worsted.

France is taking advantage of the outbreak to press for a French expedition being sent to Canton to protect that city and Peking officials are reported as strenuously opposing such a move. Large quantities of supplies for the rebels are arriving at Hong Kong. Some bloody incidents are reported. At Wong Kong near Swatow, where the civil and military officials were butchered, as in the other cities, Takan Lang, a customs official, was killed by the rebels and the standard was sprinkled with his blood as were some of the banners.

Families of some of the officials were forced to drown themselves in wells. Refugees are arriving in sad condition, many having abandoned everything, even the sick and children, in their precipitate flight.

Outbreaks have been reported also from Hunan and Szechuan.

PUSHING GREATER AUGUSTA.

Bill to Increase Size of City of Augusta To Be Introduced.

Augusta, Ga., June 26.—The Greater Augusta proposition that is being discussed between official Augusta and Richmond county delegation to the Georgia legislature is attracting a great deal of attention.

It is understood that Hon. Boykin Wright, Hon. R. E. Allen and Hon. C. E. Dunbar are in accord with the city administration on the proposition of the extension of the city.

The extension embraces large sections of Neillville and Harrisonville, and a part of Summerville—principally the 'Flat' section of that village. The new territory embraces about one and one-quarter square miles in area and includes about 7,000 population.

The proper bills to accomplish the extension will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature.

Killed by Lightning.

Atlanta, June 26.—Thomas King, who lived near Howell's Station, was struck by lightning Monday morning and died instantly. Mr. King was sitting on his front porch when struck. Mr. King was 37 years of age and was an engineer on one of the Seaboard Air Line's pumping stations.

Report of Mutiny Denied.

Toulon, June 26.—The French armored cruiser Victor Hugo has arrived here from American waters. Her commander reiterates the denial of a mutiny on board the vessel.

Earth Shock in Venezuela.

Caracas, Venezuela, June 25, via Willemstadt, June 25.—A strong earthquake, lasting three seconds, was felt in the federal districts on Monday. No damage is reported.